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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I know first hand how a lack of broadband competition can raise the cost of telecommunication services for consumers. I've seen my phone rates for AT&T's services skyrocket in my neighborhood during the last 16 years. I'm so very grateful that the entry of competitors have given me a choice and a huge reduction in the cost of my phone services. As an student of economics I'm well aware of the benefits of competition for consumers. I've seen these benefits first hand. Consumers like me need more competition, not less.

Thank you.

Anthony Bardo